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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the Atlantic Council of Montenegro had another solid year in 2013. Long list of activities that have been implemented during 2013 testifies the Atlantic Council's determination and commitment to its goals and objectives. With the help from our long-time partners, we managed to implement a number of projects and activities and reach evident results.

So close, yet so far. These words would best be used to describe current situation in Montenegro regarding its NATO membership. Expectations from the upcoming summit in Wales are high, although at the moment it is not sure whether it will be enlargement summit or not. In either case, it is up to us to assure the international community that Montenegro is ready for the membership and that we indeed want to become a part of the Western world. It is also up to us to show that Montenegro has decided for civilization turn towards democratic West by accepting basic tenets and principles of democracy, by respecting human rights, freedom of speech and media, independence of judicial system, as well as the principle of professionalism in security sector. Only when we show strong commitment to those issues, we can expect invitation for membership in the Alliance. Having in mind all mentioned, a lot has to be done in the forthcoming period in order to achieve full-membership in NATO.

The challenges we face are enormous, but the opportunity is even greater if we act now. Now there is only one path and it leads to greater security, growth and prosperity. We are committed to achieving our goals in order to transform Montenegro into a modern, safe and secure country. I would like to use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and congratulations to all our partners and employees for the remarkable results achieved in 2013, and with the hope that we will continue to achieve even better results in the future.

Sincerely,
Dr. Savo Kentera
President

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Savo Kentera', written over the printed name.



ABOUT

The Atlantic Council of Montenegro (ACM) was founded in 2006 and since then has been a preeminent institution devoted to promoting Euro-Atlantic values and international security. The Atlantic Council of Montenegro was admitted into membership of the Atlantic Treaty Association at the General Assembly held in Athens in 2006.

The Atlantic Council promotes constructive leadership and engagement in international affairs based on the central role of the Atlantic community in meeting the international challenges of the 21st century.

The Atlantic Council stimulates dialogue and discussion on critical international issues with a view to enriching public debate and promoting consensus on appropriate responses in Government, the corporate and non-profit sectors, and the media in Montenegro and among leaders in Europe and the USA. At the same time, important contributions by the Atlantic Council include identifying and shaping responses to major issues facing NATO and transatlantic relations, as well as building consensus among political parties towards NATO and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The objective of Atlantic Council is to actively shape the security and international policy discourse in Europe and beyond by fostering dynamic involvement of Montenegro and South East Europe Region in international affairs. The Atlantic Council is the main organizer of 2BS Forum, the largest politico-security conference in South East Europe.

The Youth Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA) is very important pillar of the Atlantic Council, with its young members who participate in many activities in the country and abroad, including various visits to relevant



institutions, meetings with ambassadors, attending schools and seminars, and participating in international conferences.

YATA Montenegro is very active in promoting Euro-Atlantic ideas and values among Montenegrin society. Atlantic Council is educating YATA Montenegro members in order to create a team of young people who can contribute to these activities as well as participate in international activities.

YATA Montenegro contributes and works together with YATA International in order to raise youth's interest in issues of great importance for the world at large.



MISSION

Vision: **Ensuring Montenegro's full membership in NATO and the EU.**

Mission: **The Atlantic Council of Montenegro is engaged in implementing all necessary measures and activities, including lobbying, educational programs and security sector reform, which will lead to the overall social level changes that are required for Montenegro's full membership into NATO and the EU.**

Apart from this, Atlantic Council of Montenegro aims to:

- Stimulate dialogue and discussion on critical international issues with a view to enriching public debate,
- Conduct educational and exchange programs for successor generations of Montenegro leaders so that they have the knowledge and understanding necessary to develop effective policies,
- Engage students from across the Euro-Atlantic area in the processes of NATO transformation and enlargement.

GOALS

- Emphasizing the role and the importance of small countries like Montenegro which can be place for debates and discussions on global issues
- Improving collective security system
- Strengthening regional cooperation
- Promoting Euro-Atlantic integration in Montenegro and within the region
- Raising public awareness on NATO and Euro-Atlantic ideas and values
- Youth educational and exchange programs

2013 ACTIVITIES

- February, 3-6, 2013 - **ATA'S 58th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (ATA GA)** took place in Rome, Italy. ATA and YATA delegates from around 40 countries gathered for a three-day Security Policy Seminar where the most pressing issues of transatlantic security and cooperation have been discussed with political, diplomatic and military representatives from different countries and institutions. Delegation of the Atlantic Council was headed by Dr. **Savo Kentera**, President of the Atlantic Council. Other delegates were **Bojana Antunović**, **Srđa Martinović** and **Vladimir Rakočević**. Ms. **Bojana Antunović**, YATA Montenegro representative was elected Vice President for Finance of YATA International.



- February, 5-7, 2013 - **EXPERT CONFERENCE „PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CHALLENGES FOR THE 21st CENTURY“** - On behalf of the Atlantic Council, Dr. **Savo Kentera** took part at this conference which was held in Belgrade, Serbia. Conference was organized by the Norwegian Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Defense of Serbia. Participants at the conference were from Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Macedonia and Serbia. The main focus of the conference was the military

higher education and higher levels of officers' career development. This event also served as an incentive for development of regional cooperation in the field of military education.

- February 11, 2013 - **NATO DELEGATION VISITS MONTENEGRO** - a delegation composed of H.E. Mr. **Andrej Benedejčič**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the North Atlantic Council, H.E. Mr. **Jean-Jacques Welfring**, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the North Atlantic Council, H.E. Mr. **Boris Grigić**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the North Atlantic Council, H.E. Mr. **František Kašický**, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the North Atlantic Council, visited Montenegro. Ambassadors had a meeting and fruitful discussion with Ms. **Bojana Antunović**, Project Manager of the Atlantic Council about current situation in Montenegro, with special focus on the rule of law, organized crime and corruption, media freedom etc.



- March, 2013 - **MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF MONTENEGRO VISITED USS FARRAGUT (DDG 99)** - Members of the Atlantic Council visited the U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99) which was visiting Navy of Montenegro. Members of the ACM had a great time on the ship exploring its interior and meeting daily routines of cadets and officers on board. Visitors met with commanding officers and their tasks and missions. This was a very successful visit which provided young people with deeper knowledge of navy operations.



- **March 18-20 - COLLABORATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COAST GUARD FUNCTIONS IN THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN SEAS - "SUM UP AND WAY AHEAD"** - International Conference under the title „Collaboration on Environmental Protection and Development of Coast Guard Functions in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas - “Sum up and Way ahead” organized by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro was held in Budva. Participants at the Conference were representatives of civilian and military institutions dealing with environmental protection and Coast Guard development issues from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Greece, Albania and Italy. Initiator of this Project was the Atlantic Council of Montenegro which organized the first Conference within this Project in 2010. The Project was supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Defense, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro.



- March, 20-21, 2013 - CONFERENCE „NATO SMART DEFENSE“ - Dr. **Savo Kentera**, President of the Atlantic Council, participated at the Conference on NATO Smart Defense which was held in Podgorica. Conference was organized by the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro and the European Center for Security Studies “George C. Marshall”. Conference was officially opened by the Minister of Defense of Montenegro Prof. Dr. **Milica Pejanović-Đurišić**, the U.S. Ambassador to Montenegro H.E. Mrs. **Sue K. Brown** and Ambassador of Germany to Montenegro H.E. Mr. **Pius Fischer**. The main goal of the Conference was to foster understanding of Smart Defense Concept as well as to deepen understanding of modern threats that NATO allies, as well as Montenegro are facing.



- April 4, 2013 – CELEBRATION OF APRIL 4th- THE DAY WHEN WASHINGTON TREATY WAS SIGNED AND NATO ESTABLISHED - In cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of Montenegro and the Army of Montenegro, the Atlantic Council organized a number of activities in order to celebrate April 4th - NATO Day. Some of the activities that were implemented are: Joint Exercise of YATA Montenegro members and the Army of Montenegro; Presentation of military equipment, skills and trainings, as well as presentation of activities of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro; Blood donation to the Clinical Centre Podgorica by the Army of Montenegro and the Atlantic Council members, and other interested citizens; Photo exhibition; Presentation of activities and equipment of young scouts; Interactive games with the audience; Special program for children. (Official Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRd81KvY9u4&feature=youtu.be>)



- April 12-13, 2013 - NORSEC13, OSLO, NORWAY- Representatives of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro participated at the Security Conference NORSEC organized by the YATA Norway. ACM representatives were: **Robert Ivitsa Shushich, Vladan Balaban, Vladimir Rakočević, Srđa Martinović**. Issues that were discussed are arctic and regional cooperation, current situation and future prospects. Participants of NORSEC 2013 learnt about foreign policy of Nordic states including how important is Arctic for China, Russia, the EU and rest of the world.

- June 6, 2013 - YOUTH ATLANTIC SEMINAR – Youth Atlantic Seminar was organized by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro in Budva, Montenegro. Seminar gathered around 50 participants from more than 15 countries: Canada, the United States of America, Armenia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Italy, Romania, Portugal etc. Young atlantists discussed Syria’s Civil War and NATO’s Role in the Conflict, as well as Regional Cooperation and Common Security Challenges. This was an insightful seminar, filled with well-spoken experts that provided useful in-depth analysis of the issues at hand.



- June 6-8, 2013 – **2BS (TO BE SECURE) FORUM** - The third 2BS Forum was very impressive and well attended. The number and variety of participants at the third 2BS Forum has surpassed organizer expectations, and is a testimony of the importance of this event and its growing recognition at the international level. The number of policy and decision makers, senior officials, ambassadors, senior diplomats, experts and analysts, and a combined audience of over 350 guests say much about the significance of this event in both quality and quantity. Under the title “FUTURE OF NATO’S PARTNERSHIPS”, the third 2BS Forum addressed some of the major issues



of international relations and security. The third 2BS Forums' main focus was on partnerships all around the globe. Main topics that were discussed are: Cooperation and Partnership Between Civilian and Military Intelligence Services, Russia-U.S. Relations, New Momentum for Serbia and Kosovo - Regional Implications, The Rise of Turkey in the Balkans, How to end Syria's Civil War and Shape New Middle East etc. The topics and the title of the Forum were well received, and the event itself was timely organized. Bearing in mind the fact that partners are essential for NATO, especially in times of austerity and growing global security challenges, 2BS Forum provided audience with up to date analysis of current international security challenges and threats. The third 2BS forum was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Ministry of Defense of Montenegro, while partners in the project were: NATO, the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, Balkan Trust for Democracy and Municipality of Budva. 2BS Forum 2013 was tremendously well broadcasted in Montenegro and abroad by 40 media crews that were following 2BS Forum 2013. (Official Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZE178UugbQ>)

• June, 17-22, 2013 - Conference “**THE ROLE OF THE EU AND NATO IN PROMOTING SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE**” - This conference was organized by the Atlantic Council of Croatia on Koločep Island, Croatia. Representatives of the Atlantic Council were: **Robert Ivitsa Shushich** and **Branko Aleksić**. The main goal of this conference was to provoke debate and discussion regarding related issues and involve audience and participants of the conference in discussion about important issues of world’s security.



• June, 24-29, 2013 - **INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE „NATO - BEYOND SECURITY”** - This conference was organized by the Atlantic Council of Croatia on Koločep Island , Croatia. Representatives



of the Atlantic Council were: **Miljana Andrijašević**, **Davor Mladić** and **Radosav Šušić**. Highly analytical and valuable lectures were followed by an open discussion among participants of the conference. In order to face the challenge of making decisions in an adequate way and use the acquired knowledge, the participants held simulation “Bosnia and Herzegovina and future of Office of the High Representative (OHR)”.

- July, 8-13, 2013 - **MODEL NATO YOUTH SUMMIT (MONYS), Brussels, Belgium** - For the first time in the history of the Model NATO Youth Summit (MoNYS) here in Europe, an official YATA Delegation participated in this massive atlantics event. Six delegates represented YATA, its network and what it means to belong to this network. **Vladimir Rakočević** from the Atlantic Council of Montenegro participated as one of YATA International delegates at this extraordinary event. Mr. Rakočević was a delegate of Canada to the NATO-Russia Council. The theme of this edition of MoNYS was “Defining NATO capabilities towards 2020 - Meeting Future Global Security Challenges through Cooperation, Collaboration and Crisis Management”.



- July, 20-27, 2013 - 18th PORTUGUESE ATLANTIC YOUTH SEMINAR - **Vladan Balaban**, member of YATA Montenegro, participated at the 18th annual edition of Portuguese Atlantic Youth Seminar (PAYS) held in Lisbon. Seminar titled “Enhancing NATO Capabilities in the 21st Century – The Future of Collective Security” gathered more

than 40 young international participants, who were accommodated at the Alfeite Naval Academy, located in the Portuguese Naval Base. Lectures that were devoted to NATO - EU, NATO - Russia and NATO - USA relations provided participants with an insight into current atmosphere between these influential international actors.

- September, 6-7, 2013 - **THE RIGA CONFERENCE 2013 & YOUNG DIPLOMACY PROFESSIONALS FORUM** - On behalf of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, **Bojana Antunović** participated at the 3rd Young Diplomacy Professional Forum and 8th annual Riga Conference. The Young Diplomacy Professional Forum (YDPF) is organized with the aim to inform young professionals and future leaders, and engage them in debates and discussions of the Riga Conference 2013 through comprehensive parallel discussions on the most pressing issues of the regional and global foreign policy and security agenda, in form of workshops and debates with experienced leaders.





- September 5, 2013 - THE NEW YATA MONTENEGRO EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS - Members of YATA Montenegro elected a new leadership. **Vladan Balaban** assumed the position of President, while two elected Vice Presidents are **Robert Ivitsa Shushich** and **Nikolina Vujičić**.

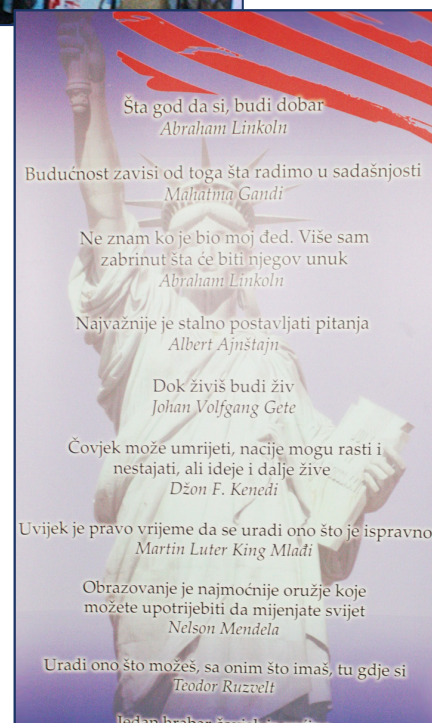
- September 29, 2013 - MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE - Members of the Atlantic Council implemented activity "Message in a Bottle", a part of a wider project called "For Safer Future". Members of the ACM sent messages with the aim to show that young people

from Montenegro want to see our country as a part of collective security system. On this occasion, young atlantists gathered and, in the spirit of old maritime practice, cast into the sea bottles that carried their messages why Montenegro should become a part of the Euro-Atlantic community. YATA members casted into the sea 29 bottles with messages, which symbolize the number of Alliance members, including Montenegro, as the first next member state. These bottles will carry messages to the world about safer future and Montenegro's progress and security, political and economic development, through Montenegro's integration into NATO.

- October, 2013 - ATLANTIC COUNCILS' PRESENTATIONS AT FACULTIES OF MONTENEGRO - The Atlantic Council and its youth members held presentations at the Faculty of Political Science, Faculty of Economy, Faculty of Law, Faculty for State and European Studies, as well as at the University of Donja Gorica (UDG). These presentations were held in cooperation with American Corner in Podgorica. Members of the Atlantic



Council presented student exchange and internship projects abroad, studying in the U.S., as well as different visits to international institutions and think-tank organizations. Students had the opportunity to meet with various programs and scholarships offered by various institutions and foundations aimed at professional development. The goal of this project was promotion of western values, such as democracy, the rule of law, civic engagement and volunteerism, as well as introducing students to different seminars, summer schools, conferences where they can acquire new knowledge and experiences, as well as expand network of connections. Consequently, the aim of these activities was to support students who want to develop leadership skills and team spirit, and to continue professional development in Europe and the U.S. In addition, YATA members presented its own programs and activities, since YATA and the Atlantic Council provide a lot of opportunities for traveling and professional development for young people.





- October, 20-26, 2013 - **“NATO ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE - NATO REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON CYBER DEFENSE (RSSCD)”** - On behalf of the ACM, **Robert Ivitsa Shushich** participated at the Cyber Defense School held in Ohrid, Macedonia. The topics that were discussed at the School on Cyber Defense are: who is responsible for necessary actions in order to organize and conduct effective cyber defense under the current NATO Cyber Policy Initiatives; why preventing cyber-attacks and building cyber resilience is crucial not only for effective cyber defense but for the overall defense as well; addressing and understanding international legal challenges for effective cyber defense etc.

- October 24, 2013 - **INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “NATIONAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION - REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE”** - Dr. **Savo Kentera**, President of the Atlantic Council, participated at the International Scientific Conference on “Protecting the Critical National Infrastructure - Regional Perspective” held in Belgrade, Serbia. Conference conclusion was that causing damage to the critical infrastructure, destruction or disruption by natural disasters, terrorism, and organized crime and other forms of malicious behavior, can have cataclysmic impact on the security of the state and welfare of the citizens, therefore, one of the main goals of the state should be to reduce vulnerability and increase the strength of the critical national infrastructure.

- October 31, 2013 - members of YATA Montenegro Robert Ivitsa Shushich and Nikolina Vujičić held a lecture under the title **“MONTENEGRO AND/ IN NATO”**. The aim of lecture was to introduce high school students with

Montenegro's NATO integration. Lecture emphasized the benefits of NATO membership, how far we have come and what is yet to be done in order for Montenegro to become a member of the Alliance.

- November 2, 2013 - TEAM BUILDING VISIT TO THE OLD ROYAL CAPITAL CETINJE - On November 2, 2013 members of YATA Montenegro held educational tour to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Petar II Petrović Njegoš. On this occasion, young atlantists visited King



Nikola's Museum, former residence of Petar II Petrović Njegoš – Biljarda and Monastery of Cetinje. After a tour in Cetinje, young members paid a visit to the most famous monument of National Park Lovćen – Njegoš's Mausoleum. The aim of Montenegrin atlantists was to, through informal gathering, refresh the memory of the rich tradition and history of our nation and state, as well as to develop team spirit.



• November 2013 – **TRAINING COURSE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE** – This course was organized with Protection and Safety Office of the Capital City Podgorica. Over the years, young members of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro participated in a number of voluntary activities aimed at providing help for vulnerable areas affected by heavy rainfall and snowfalls. These weather conditions created a need for putting together a team of young people who will be able to take actions in Emergency Management Response. Group of 30 individuals got

an opportunity to train with Protection and Safety Unit and get required skills to act in dangerous situations. Participants got the opportunity to learn theoretically and practically how to react in different emergency situations. They have learned how to react in fire affected area, how to use firefighters equipment, methods of forced entry, dynamic operational risk assessment, how to rescue people from vehicles, indoors search rules, passing through the labyrinth, searching more rooms, finding wounded individuals, hazardous substances, identification and procedures for the interventions etc.

• November, 21-23, 2013 - **“EUROPEAN MOVEMENT (EM) CONGRESS - FOSTERING CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES”** - On behalf of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, **Robert Ivitsa Shushich** participated at the Congress organized by the European Movement of Montenegro. This Congress was an opportunity to continue what has been started in Istanbul in 2011.

Quality discussions and debates on the topics of civil society development, European integration, and national reforms, and how these can be made more effective and cohesive were the elements related to this conference.

- December, 1-3, 2013 - **XV CETINJE PARLIAMENTARY FORUM** - Dr. **Savo Kentera**, President of the Atlantic Council, participated at the XV Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. The main topic of the Forum was “Strengthening the Oversight Role of Parliament in the Defense and Security Sector“. XV Forum gathered more than 50 parliamentarians from the region.



- December, 9-11, 2013 - **59th ATA's GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND 18th YATA INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY** - Delegation of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro participated at the 59th Atlantic Treaty Association General Assembly (GA) and international NATO Post 2014



Conference organized by the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA) at the World Customs Organization in Brussels, Belgium. The GA and conference hosted more than 250 ATA experts and delegates from across 36 countries of the Euro Atlantic region, along with Brussels based policy makers, government officials, military officers, diplomatic representatives, journalists and young professionals. The NATO Post 2014 conference successfully merged Brussels based security specialists and NATO officials with the ATA network to further develop its community of experts dispersed across Europe and North America. It was an enriching and exclusive opportunity for both practitioners and government representatives across the Atlantic to define the future of NATO after 2014. Mr. Vladan Balaban, YATA Montenegro President was elected Vice President for Finance in YATA International Executive Board.



- December 27, 2013 - **DIPLOMA RECEIVING CEREMONY FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE** - This course was very demanding both physically and mentally, therefore 11 out of 30 participants successfully passed this course and on this occasion received an official confirmation of their willingness to work in a variety of weather-dependent situations, and other unplanned hazardous situations. As a manner of appreciation, the ACM presented a plaque to Protection and Safety Office of the Capital.

PLAN OF ACTIVITIES 2014

The Atlantic Council of Montenegro has a long list of activities and projects that will be implemented in 2014. The ACM will continue to implement projects aimed at promoting Euro-Atlantic Integration in Montenegro, as well as youth activities which are very well accepted. Bearing in mind various activities planned for this year, here we will only list the most important ones:

2BS FORUM 2014

The 2BS Forum is a constructive element of the most important meeting of influential international and Montenegrin representatives, who discuss essential questions of international security and security in SEE. This Forum aims to encourage significant discussion regarding the most important dilemmas in the field of international security. 2BS Forum 2014 will address some of the major challenges of the decade. Through discussions, 2BS Forum aims to analyze these modern challenges, risks and threats and explore policy responses. The fourth 2BS Forum will outline steps and future prospects for Afghanistan after end of 2014, emerging security challenges such as cyber security and missile defense, as well as NATO's current policy of keeping the door open to new aspirant states.

In addition, 2BS Forum 2014 will mark this year's anniversaries:

- 10th Anniversary of the Big Bang of NATO Enlargement
- 20th Anniversary of the Partnership for Peace
- 60th Anniversary of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA)

60th JUBILEE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION (ATA), BUDVA, MONTENEGRO

Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA) represents a membership-based organization with national chapters in 35 countries. This event represents a rare, yet highly important occasion for a large part of the ATA-affiliated atlanticists from all over the world to contribute to specific NATO Public Diplomacy campaigns that target policy makers, journalists, experts and the successor generation in a meaningful discussion on NATO and the future of Cooperative Security. This event aims to offer political as well as scientific contribution aimed at promoting an effective approach to cooperative security in the Euro-Atlantic region and beyond. We are very proud and honored to announce that the 60th Jubilee Council Meeting of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA) will be held in Budva, Montenegro. For the first time, this meeting is relocated from Brussels and will be held in Montenegro. Three months before NATO summit, this event will testify strong support of international community to Montenegro's Euro-Atlantic path.

SOUTH EAST EUROPE (SEE) DELEGATION VISITS THE USA-BUILDING ACADEMIC, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COLLABORATION

Atlantic Council of Montenegro is coordinator of this project with the aim of building academic, economic and political ties among emerging leaders from different Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro) and the U.S. representatives from these fields. Delegation will visit the state of Texas and its capital Austin with the aim of fostering university partnerships, exchange programs, collaborative efforts in government and private sector. This will be a five-day visit that will combine meetings with faculties from various disciplines working in areas of priority for SEE (especially business/finance, technology, government, homeland security/emergency response,

energy, etc.). Since Austin is the capital of Texas, meetings with members of the state government, as well as with Austin mayor and Texas governor, will be arranged. After Austin visit, delegation will visit New York and Washington DC where they will have meetings with key security figures, state officials, and policy stakeholders. This will be the first major visit that will be the start of sustained highly productive exchanges and collaboration. In addition, this visit will contribute to bringing the U.S. and SEE countries much closer.

YOUTH ATLANTIC SEMINAR

Youth Atlantic Seminar is an annual event that brings together a large number of young people from all around the world. Youth Atlantic Seminar is held shortly before 2BS Forum where young academicians have the opportunity to exchange views on different topics. A diverse group of young people from abroad and the participation of high level partners is the guarantee of high-quality discussions. The 2BS Forum and the Youth Atlantic Seminar represent the irreplaceable experience for those young academicians and professionals. Broadening youth knowledge is precondition for strengthening international security, having in mind that youth is the future driving force of every society.

PUBLICATION - THE SECURITY MAGAZINE

We are planning to continue publishing Security magazine having in mind its importance, significance and contribution to the security processes in the region. The "Security" Magazine is an independent, interdisciplinary and international magazine dealing with security issues in the broad sense following the current topics on global, regional and national level. Immediately upon issuing the first edition in 2007, this magazine was recognized by many senior executives from Europe and across Atlantic as a high quality and a valuable contribution to the security.

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